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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Clerk's Office U.S. District Court, ED of PA 2609 U.S. Courthouse 601 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106-1797

RE: Sandra Babock v. Butler County, et al.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the following for filing:

 One (1) original and one (1) copy of Plaintiff's Complaint, Case Management Track Designation Form, Designation Form, Civil Cover sheet and a disk with all documents in PDF format. Also, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$350.00 for Court Filing Fee.

Kindly file with the Court and return a file-stamped copy in the envelope provided at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SWARTZ SWIDLER, LLC

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Antitrust □ Marine Personal Injury 5. □ Patent D Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 6. □ Labor-Management Relations 6. □ Other Personal Injury (Please specify) 7. Civil Rights 7. Products Liability 8. ☐ Habeas Corpus 8. Products Liability - Asbestos 9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases 9. All other Diversity Cases 10. □ Social Security Review Cases 11. □ All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check Appropriate Category) counsel of record do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; Relief other than monetary damages is sought. Attorney-at-Law Attorney I.D.# NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. Attorney-at-Law Attorney I.D.#

CIV. 609 (6/08)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SANDRA J. BABCOCK, individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated, 7123 Fairway Drive Butler, PA 16001

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR UNPAID OVERTIME UNDER FLSA

Plaintiff,

No.

v.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

BUTLER COUNTY 202 South Washington Street Butler, PA 16001

and

JOHN DOES 1-10

Defendants.

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACTION CIVIL COMPLAINT

Sandra Babcock ("Named Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiffs"), hereby complains as follows against Defendants.

INTRODUCTION

1. Named Plaintiff has initiated the instant action to redress violations by Defendants of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"). Named Plaintiff asserts that Defendants failed to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs proper overtime compensation in violation of the FLSA, and failed to pay wages to Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs for certain hours worked in violation of the FLSA.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.

- 3. This Court may properly maintain personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants' contacts with this state and this judicial district are sufficient for the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendants to comply with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 4. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the claims herein arise under laws of the United States.
- 5. Venue is properly laid in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), because Defendants reside in and/or conduct business in this judicial district and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district.

PARTIES

- 6. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- 7. Plaintiff Sandra Babcock is an adult individual with an address as set forth above.
- 8. At all times relevant herein, Named Plaintiff worked for Defendant Butler County as a corrections officer.
- 9. At all times relevant herein, Defendant Butler County owned and operated the prison located at 202 South Washington Street, Butler, PA 16001.
- 10. Defendants John Doe 1 through John Doe 5 are presently unknown persons who directly or indirectly, directed, aided, abetted, and/or assisted with creating and/or executing the policies and practices of Defendants which resulted in Defendants' failing to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs proper compensation pursuant to the FLSA.
- 11. Defendants John Doe 6 through John Doe 10 are presently unknown persons who had control over processing payroll regarding Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs.

12. At all times relevant herein, Defendants acted by and through their agents, servants, and employees, each of whom acted at all times relevant herein in the course and scope of their employment with and for Defendants.

FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 13. In addition to bringing this action individually, Named Plaintiff brings this action for violations of the FLSA as a collective action pursuant to Section 16(b) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), on behalf of all corrections officers presently and formerly employed by Defendants and in other similar non-exempt positions subject to Defendants' unlawful pay practices and policies and who worked for Defendants at any point in the three years preceding the date the instant action was initiated (the members of this putative class are referred to as "Plaintiffs").
- 14. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs work and/or worked at Defendant Butler County at the prison located at 202 South Washington Street, Butler, PA.
- 15. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are similarly situated, have substantially similar job duties, have substantially similar pay provisions, and are all subject to Defendants' unlawful policies and practices as discussed *infra*.
- 16. There are numerous similarly situated current and former employees of Defendant Butler County who were compensated improperly for overtime work in violation of the FLSA and who would benefit from the issuance of a Court Supervised Notice of the instant lawsuit and the opportunity to join in the present lawsuit.
- 17. There are numerous similarly situated current and former employees of of Defendant Butler County who Defendants failed to pay for on-call time and who would benefit

from the issuance of a Court Supervised Notice of the instant lawsuit and the opportunity to join in the present lawsuit.

- 18. Similarly situated employees are known to Defendants, are readily identifiable by Defendants, and can be located through Defendants' records.
- 19. Therefore, Named Plaintiff should be permitted to bring this action as a collective action for and on behalf of herself and those employees similarly situated, pursuant to the "optin" provisions of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 20. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- 21. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are current and/or former employees of Defendant Butler County who within the last three years have been or are presently employed by Defendant Butler County as correction officers.
- 22. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs work and/or worked for Defendant Butler County at its prison in Butler, PA.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendant Butler County has maintained an unlawful wage payment system for at least the last three years and has enforced such unlawful policies against all of its corrections officers who are employed at its prison.

UNPAID ON-CALL TIME

- 24. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.
- 25. Defendants required and continue to require Named Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs to work an 8.25 hour shift.
- 26. Defendants only pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs for 8 hours of the 8.25 hour shift.

- 27. Defendants required and continue to require Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs to take a one-hour "meal break" wherein Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs may not leave the facility and must remain in uniform, in close proximity to gear, in close proximity to emergency response equipment, and on-call to respond to emergencies ("On-Call Time").
- 28. Of this one-hour of On-Call Time, Defendants pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs for only 45 minutes. The other 15 minutes is unpaid.
- 29. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are not allowed to leave the prison during the On-Call Time.
- 30. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs must remained locked in the prison and are not even allowed to go outside during the On-Call Time to smoke cigarettes or get fresh air.
- 31. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are not allowed to run personal errands during the On-Call Time.
 - 32. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are not allowed to sleep during the On-Call Time.
- 33. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs must remain on-call during the entire 1-hour On-Call Time to respond to emergency situations or other unexpected situations.
- 34. If an emergency or unexpected situation arises during the On-Call Time, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs must respond in person, immediately, in uniform, and with appropriate gear and emergency response equipment.
- 35. Because of the substantial limitations placed upon them by Defendants during the On-Call Time, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are not free to use the On-Call Time for their own personal pursuits.

- 36. Per 29 CFR §785.17: "An employee who is required to remain on call on the employer's premises or so close thereto that he cannot use the time effectively for his own purposes is working while 'on call'"
- 37. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs were accordingly working while on-call and accordingly should have been paid for said work-time.
- 38. By failing to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs for 15 minutes of on-call time per each shift, Defendants failed to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs for all hours worked.
- 39. Moreover, because Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs regularly worked 40 or more hours per week, this unpaid time each shift constitutes unpaid overtime in violation of the FLSA.
- 40. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs have been and continue to be harmed by Defendants' conduct.

COUNT I Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") (Failure to pay Overtime Compensation) (Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs v. Defendants)

- 41. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- 42. At all times relevant herein, Defendants have and continue to be employers within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 43. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were responsible for paying wages to Plaintiff and Plaintiffs.

- 44. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff and Plaintiffs were employed with Defendants as "employees" within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 45. Under the FLSA, an employer must pay an employee at least one and one half times his or her base rate for each hour worked in excess of forty hours per workweek.
- 46. Defendants' violations of the FLSA include, but are not limited to: Not paying Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs for time worked while on-call.
- 47. Defendants' conduct in failing to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs properly was and is willful and was and is not based upon any reasonable interpretation of the law.
- 48. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs have suffered damages as set forth herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays that this Court enter an Order providing that:

- (1) Defendants are to be prohibited from continuing to maintain their illegal policy, practice or customs in violation of federal wage and hour laws;
- (2) Defendants are to compensate, reimburse, and make Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs whole for any and all pay and benefits they would have received had it not been for Defendants' illegal actions, including but not limited to past lost earnings. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs should be accorded those benefits illegally withheld.
- (3) Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are to be awarded liquidated damages as applicable under the laws they are suing under in an amount equal to the actual damages in this case;
- (4) Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are to be awarded the costs and expenses of this action and reasonable legal fees as provided by applicable federal law.

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Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Justin L. Swidler

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